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SUBJ: LOS: MALAYSIAN ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S COMMENTS ON US
AND USSR PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS OF MALACCA

1. ACCORDING AUG 12 EDITION "MALAY MAIL," AT AUG 11 PRESS
CONFERENCE, MALAYSIAN ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TAN SRI KADIR (SURNAME
KADIR) YUSOF, SAID MALAYSIA WILL MAKE CONCESSIONS ON STRAITS
OF MALACCA IF U.S. AND SOVIET UNION ADOPT LESS
RIGID STAND OVER USE OF THAT WATERWAY. MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA
HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO INNOCENT PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS BUT
WANT RESTRICTIONS OF WARSHIPS AND VESSELS ABOVE 200,000 TONS,
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KADIR ADDED.

2. KADIR SAID THAT ALTHOUGH LOS NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR TWO YEARS, U.S. AND SOVIET UNION HAVE INDICATED NO SIGNS OF COMPROMISE. FURTHERMORE, MALAYSIA WOULD NOT CHANGE IT POSITION ON PASSAGE IF SOME COMPROMISE WAS NOT AGREED UPON. KADIR CITED A NEED FOR GLOBAL CONSENSUS ON LOS MATTERS. HE CONTINUED THAT HE IS PRESENTLY DISCUSSING PROPOSED CONTINGENCY PLANS TO FIGHT STRAITS POLLUTION WITH VISITING INDONESIAN JUSTICE MINISTER, DR. MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA.

3. COMMENT: MALAYSIA'S POSITION ON TONNAGE AND WARSHIPS TRANSITING STRAITS IS WELL KNOWN AND KADIR'S STATEMENTS ARE NO SURPRISE. GOM APPARENTLY BEGINNING TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR 4TH LOS SESSION SCHEDULED FOR NEW YORK IN 1976 AND WE ARE LIKELY TO SEE AN INCREASE IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY GOM ON LOS MATTERS IN COMING MONTHS.
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